

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

TERRANCE R. JOHNSON,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C06-302JLR

MINUTE ORDER

The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable James L. Robart:

The court has received a motion to proceed in forma pauperis from Defendant Terrance R. Johnson (Dkt. # 1). The court's review of Mr. Johnson's proposed complaint reveals that he is attempting to remove a felony prosecution under Washington law from King County District Court. Except under narrow circumstances not present here, federal law provides no removal jurisdiction over criminal actions. See 28 U.S.C. § 1441 (establishing removal jurisdiction over civil actions). The court therefore lacks subject matter jurisdiction over this action, and need not address Mr. Johnson's motion to proceed in forma pauperis.

1 The clerk shall remand this action to King County District Court.

2 Filed and entered this 4th day of April, 2006.

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